



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 25, 1999

S. 776

Loess Hills Preservation Study Act of 1999

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on
May 19, 1999*

S. 776 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of options to protect and interpret the Loess Hills area of Iowa. The study would analyze the suitability and feasibility of establishing the area as a unit of the National Park System (NPS), a National Heritage Area or Heritage Corridor, or other similar designation. The bill would authorize the appropriation of up to \$275,000 to conduct the study, and it would require the Secretary to report on its findings and recommendations within one year of receiving funds.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing S. 776 would cost the federal government \$275,000 over the next year to complete the required study and report. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 776 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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